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DRAGON HIM DOWN - Carstairs Tigers players (white) try to fend off the attacking Didsbury Dragon's offensive line during the Tigers home opener on Saturday. The Dragons beat the Tigers 22-0.

Sheriffs branch out to Didsbury roadways

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Sheriffs are breaking the Mounties' rule over the road in Didsbury this fall as they patrol for speeders and educate the public about safe driving.

Since March 16, six sheriffs have kept an eye on roadways in the Olds area as part of a province-wide pilot project. The six-month project put sheriffs in four areas of Alberta - Olds, Airdrie, Wetaskiwin and Whitecourt - to enhance traffic safety services and patrols.

"We didn't do this because of staff shortages per se, but because we have a common mandate. We thought it may be advantageous to bring the two units together in several locations," said Insp. James Stiles, officer in charge of K Division traffic services.

"Maybe down the road this will

lead to further integration."

The pilot program is currently being reviewed to see whether the joint effort by sheriffs and RCMP to cut down on poor driving behaviour should continue. There is no specific month the review is expected to wrap up, allowing the law enforcers to stick around a little longer and expand services into Sundre and Didsbury.

"We felt we could expand the pilot to include other detachments...I think they will be very appreciative of the extra help as far as traffic safety and helping members carry the message forward," Stiles said.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security agrees that expanding services to communities nearby Olds makes sense.

Brian Mulawka, spokesperson for the ministry, said the patrol areas were "overlapping anyway because

the communities are so tightly knit. We felt we could move into those areas with the same amount of sheriffs" and not be stretched too thin.

Residents may have already seen sirens flashing downtown as sheriffs round up traffic rule breakers in Didsbury. They aren't stationed here but do swing by "from time to time."

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson from the local detachment said his members are looking forward to a bolstered numbers of cars patrolling the roadways.

"The sheriffs could potentially help reduce collisions in the area," he said.

Collisions in Alberta increased in 2007 by eight per cent with 15,390 crashes compared with 14,259 in 2006. The statistics also record 458 deaths in the province last year, up one per cent from 2006.



HPV vaccine offered to Grade 9's

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Alberta is expanding a controversial immunization program this fall to protect more school-aged children from sexually transmitted disease.

The province rolled out an inoculation initiative for Grade 5 girls last year to help guard against human papilloma virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cervical cancer.

Gardasil, the vaccine created by Merck and Co., was only approved in 2006 and prompted some concern and controversy about safety, sexual promiscuity and false sense of invulnerability.

As a result of concerns there wasn't 100 per cent uptake in Didsbury, said Lynn Martens, public health nurse at the Didsbury Health Unit.

"It's important to know this is not meant to promote sexual activity. We are doing it to prevent long-term risk...and this is more effective at this age," she said.

Over half of eligible Grade 5 girls took the shot locally, which is a good start, said Dr. Judy MacDonald, deputy medical officer for Alberta Health Services in Calgary.

"I expect we'll see these numbers rise as more parents become comfortable with the idea of getting the vaccine for their daughters," she said.

"It is a new vaccine and people want to understand it better before they use it."

In the Calgary region, 57 per cent of girls got the full three-stage dose and 61 per cent of youngsters took the vaccine provincially. That means 12,000 of 20,000 girls were injected with Gardasil in Alberta in 2008.

This fall the province is allowing Grade 9 girls to opt in on the vaccine, which previously would have cost around \$500. This program will run a three-year cycle until the inoculated Grade 5 students reach the high school level.

"I think this is a great idea. Why wouldn't a person want to prevent cervical cancers that can lead to a lot of health issues and ultimately death?" Martens said.

Gardasil works by boosting the immune system to fight off four strains of HPV, two of which lead to 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

Strains of HPV are common among women and are said to infect half of all sexually active women between the ages of 18 and 22. The disease can clear up in some on its own, but if the infection persists it can lead to cancer.

In this province, 180 women develop cervical cancer each year and 40 die from it. To prevent numbers of those with the disease from rising, the Alberta government is following Health Canada recommendations to vaccinate girls and women between 9 and 26 years old, though the province only offers the vaccine free to Grade 5 and Grade 9 students.

The vaccine is not licensed for administration to males.

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Westglen students take on new pet-project

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Twenty-four Grade 7 students are part of an elite few in this nation participating in a maverick school program, geared to give youngsters hands-on learning.

Westglen Middle School has joined the ranks of just two other educational centres in Canada that offer 4-H as a course option, an Alberta 4-H specialist said.

In 2007, Tilley, a village in southern Alberta introduced the club to its students as a course offering and a year later Ardmore did the same.

Rob Smith, 4-H specialist for Calgary and southern Alberta, said the schools turned to the program when they were faced with dropping enrolment and school closures. It was a means to improve the curriculum and hold the interest of students in rural schools.

Westglen isn't in the same position.

"We are alive and well...we just want to do this to keep our complementary courses current and keeping with what kids are interested in these days," said Carolyn Massel, vice-president of Westglen Middle School and the woman behind the program.

"We have more kids involved in 4-H in this area than anywhere else...it made sense."

The middle school 4-H club will act like any other 4-H program in the province. Students will learn life skills in a hands-on environment, run their own club and participate in 4-H activities across Alberta.

The program, which will run year-long, will focus on a pet project, where students take responsibility for an animal and record things like feed, cost and weight gain.

It sounds simplistic, but the school can

make the project as challenging as the student would like, Massel said.

Those partaking in the 4-H program will also be building skills in public speaking, consumer decision-making and presenting.

"This is such a maverick concept and it's my vision that this will very much be the wave of the future," said Smith.

The 4-H club has been an after-school and community based program since its beginnings in 1917. Ninety years later it makes sense to match up the community program with the community school, Smith said.

"The idea of offering 4-H projects and personal development through schools is an idea whose time is most definitely here. It just goes hand in hand with education and preparing kids for the future," he said.

Smith and Massel both agree that once other schools see the success of this program, they will jump on board.

Not only is it a different type of learning but it also gives youth a chance to explore 4-H and what it's all about.

"This is huge and very exciting. These kids would never have gotten involved if this wasn't made available at school," Massel said.

The vice-principal is a big believer in 4-H. Her mother belonged to the club; as did she and now her own children.

"This is a worthwhile opportunity, we want to bring more people in. I think a lot of times kids don't join because they think it's only for farm kids, but that's not true," she said.

Anika Creighton is one of those children. She watched her friends join the club and it sounded like fun, but she thought membership was exclusive to those who live in the country.

"I never thought it'd be offered here. I



Photo courtesy of Westglen School
Anika Creighton with Stella the cat and Katie Crawford with Hope the bunny are taking part in a new school-based 4-H program.

was kind of surprised," she said of the school-run program.

She is one of 20 students new to the 4-H concept.

Katie Crawford, who also signed up for the complementary course, has been a 4-H

member for the last four years and thinks this is a great opportunity to teach students that anyone - from anywhere - can join.

"I think 4-H is great, you meet so many people...and I love my critters," she said.

Penner event not just another fundraiser

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Organizers for Heroes of the Heart Gala are hitting an ambitious note this fall with a musical event geared to raise money for blood cancers.

The bash is also in honour of a man who may have just months to live.

"We don't know how long (my uncle) has. It could very well be his last year," said

Alicia Fox, an organizer of the event.

"I want to make sure we do an event in his honour that is really big and really special so he feels encouraged and loved."

Glen Penner, Fox's uncle and a former resident of Didsbury, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seven years ago and has struggled with the disease since. He was recently told he has months left to live, prompting his family into action.

His relatives, some of which still live in

Didsbury, hope to raise over \$2,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada in what the society is calling the largest event in the region.

The affair will be a show of support, as well as a fundraiser for others struggling with blood cancer.

The gala kicks off September 19 at 3 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, with afternoon tea featuring a string quartet from Calgary. Later in the afternoon there will be a barbecue, silent auction, magic show, children's entertainment and music by four local artists. Attendees will also have the chance to win door prizes.

"We see a lot of out-of-the-box fundraising - scrapbook sales, football tournaments, dinner auctions - but this is the biggest event we've seen this year," said Jennifer Dykstra, manager for Light the Night.

Light the Night is in its fifth year in Calgary to raise money for blood cancer

research, financial assistance for patients and local programming for family support groups.

Last year the society raised \$365,000 for the cause with 1,200 walkers. This year the organization hopes to pull in over \$400,000.

The Penner family will hand over their contribution at the five-kilometre walk September 26. This is the second time they have walked for the cause. Last year they raised \$1,000.

"We wanted to do an event this year to make people say 'wow'. This isn't just another fundraiser. People need to come check this out," Fox said.

Tickets are \$15 for the ladies' tea and \$10 for the evening entertainment. Children five to 12 are five dollars and those under the age of five are free. Families can also buy tickets for \$25 at Didsbury Computers, Front Porch Realty, Carstairs Family Pharmacy or Fun Times Hobby and Cycle.

Silverfern Medical Clinic Welcomes new Doctor



Dr. Andrew Jackson is thrilled to announce that his previous partner in Pincher Creek, Dr. Karen Brunner, will be joining the practice on Sept. 14/09.

Dr. Brunner trained in South Africa and immigrated in Canada in 1999. She has worked as a rural physician since that time in Pincher Creek, and worked with Dr. Jackson for 10 years prior to him coming to Didsbury last year.

Dr. Brunner is opening a practice in family medicine and has special interest and expertise in women's health including bio-identical hormones, pediatrics, obesity, and chronic disease.

She will be joined in Didsbury with her husband Heinie, an engineer in the oil and gas industry and her two beautiful kids Hein and Mario.

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Dr. Brunner



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Building permits plummet

The value of building permits plummeted 36 per cent this year in Didsbury, according to town administration.

The town recorded the building permit value for Didsbury in 2009 as \$5.2 million compared to \$14.4 million in 2008.

"We anticipated this year would be lower than last. (The years) 2007 and 2008 were anomalies because they were so high," said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury.

"We couldn't sustain that level of growth for an extended period of time. This is more reasonable."

There have been 45 building permits this year, ending in August, compared to 171 last year and 164 in 2007.

In the last couple of months, Brown said "there has been a definite upswing," with at least another seven to add to the statistics.

"I think we are starting to see a glimmer of optimism in the community that the recession is over," he said for the slow increase this fall.

At the provincial level, the value of building permits dropped by 10.9 per cent on a monthly basis to \$735.5 million. There was a 31.5 per cent decline in the non-residential sector and a 15.7 per cent hike for residential units in Alberta.

Circus acts up for Didsbury

Labour Day lived up to its name for at least a couple of mammals last Monday.

Tika and Patti, two middle-aged elephants, performed for nearly 1,000 ticket holders at the Circus Gatti in Didsbury last week.

Parents and children were delighted with the duo's tricks, as well as the dogs, ponies, clowns and jugglers

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who entertained in the ring with their larger colleagues.

The two-day event hasn't rolled into Didsbury for about five years and it seemed like crowds enjoyed the return, said Justin Loomis, ringmaster.

"We had a great crowd who really seemed to get a kick out of the show. We will definitely come back," he said.

The circus crew stuck around for nearly a day after the Labour Day show when the elephant trainer's truck broke down. Parents, teenagers and tots took the opportunity to snap photos and hang around with Tika and Patti, who lumbered outside the Didsbury recreation centre before their trip to the U.S. September 9.

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Bud Barn Jam a success

The Bud Barn was brimming with musicians and spectators who came out to support the Didsbury Fire Department, August 29.

"It went really well, we raised over \$900 for the local firefighters," said Tom Schemioneck of the second annual Bud Barn Jam.

The fundraiser took place in a 72,000 cubic foot emporium that is all about Budweiser beer and the unusual and odd items the company has used to promote its brew these last 60 years.

Over 100 people turned out to explore the collection, listen to musicians, take hayrides and eat food.

"We had 15 musicians show up and the Rangers played for three hours straight. This event really showcased local talent," said Schemioneck, owner of the Bud Barn museum.

He said the Bud Barn Museum plans to do the event again in 2010.

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New requirements now apply under the *Animal Health Act*:

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- Mandatory Cattle Age Verification:** All cattle born in Alberta after January 1, 2009 must be age verified and birthdates registered with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency prior to leaving their farm of origin. To register the birthdates of your cattle, visit www.canadaid.ca.

Traceability is important to control animal disease outbreak and provides assurance for consumers and trading partners. Canada is committed to a national framework for livestock traceability by 2011.

If you have already applied for an Alberta Premises ID number, your number will be mailed out to you shortly.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or visit www.agriculture.alberta.ca.

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Drug strategy a good step

DAN SINGLETON



The latest in a long line of federal drug strategies – this one aimed specifically at so-called synthetic drugs – is a much needed and welcome effort.

The Synthetic Drug Initiative, announced this month, is the first

Canadian drug strategy to focus entirely on a single class of drugs.

If it succeeds in putting more illegal drug makers in prison and keeping more of these extremely dangerous drugs out of Alberta schools it will benefit everyone, including residents of West Central Alberta.

Synthetic drugs include MDMA, or ecstasy, as it is commonly known, and methamphetamine, both drugs popular among some Canadian youth; and in the case of methamphetamine, highly addictive and dangerous to the user's health.

The aim of the new strategy is to do away, as much as possible, with the production and distribution of synthetic drugs and to reduce the overall influence of organized crime on drug trafficking in Canada, said Peter Van Loan, minister of public safety.

"The production, trafficking and distribution of illegal drugs will not be tolerated. The initiative will target illicit synthetic drug industry on three fronts: enforcement, deterrence and prevention," he said.

Justice Minister Nicholson added: "Our Government recognizes that illegal drugs undermine healthy and safe communities, fuel organized crime and foster street-level gangs."

This new strategy is the latest in a long string of similar anti-drug initiatives undertaken by justice and health officials over the past year. And while it may appear that the war against drugs is an endless, losing battle, the efforts are absolutely necessary.

Leona Aglukkaq, federal minister of health, says halting the proliferation of illegal drugs amounts, in the end, to a public health issue.

"This initiative is a critical step in the coordinated fight against the serious dangers to public health and safety posed by the illegal production of synthetic drugs and their widespread trafficking across Canada," said Aglukkaq.

Canada's health care systems are under enough pressure these days without having to deal with children and adults addicted to synthetic drugs made and distributed by organized crime.

If this new strategy leads to fewer people having their health permanently ruined by these dangerous substances, then all the expense and effort will be worthwhile.

And while programs that provide treatment for addicts of all ages must also continue to be supported by all levels of government, any initiative that helps police put the drug makers in jail is good news.

The war against illegal drugs will not be won by this new initiative, but it will hopefully make a difference.

And to those critics who say targeting illegal drugs is counterproductive, the question remains: which is more important, organized crime profits or public health?



Letter to the editor

Afghan contributions are important; parent

Ryan Penner was in the NICU at Winnipeg Children's Hospital 18 years ago. While there, the staff impacted all of our lives and I doubt that we'll ever completely grasp all of the ways.

Today, I read an article in the Didsbury, Alberta local paper. A woman was featured who spends hours crafting afghans for children at Alberta Children's Hospital. Immediately, my mental album flipped back to the bookmarked page labelled, "NICU". I hear again the beeping, feel the quiet scurry to save tiny lives, see the minuscule bottom (which we thought was a knee) in the bed next to Ryan, feel the gown that I actually began to think was a fashion statement and I look down... there is my infant, with tubes and wires all over him. I long to pick him up and carry him home. A nurse comes and strokes the little bit of hair that he has left, careful not to bump the IV site. She gently folds back the homemade afghan to take his vitals. When she's finished, she wraps him up again.

I reluctantly turn the album page to see a very swollen, drugged up baby. I can't hold him today. A tear falls on my mental picture as I recall the ache to take away the excruciating pain of the complications of surgery. My clear mind now tells me that his drugs alleviated that pain. The lump in my throat tells me that I've never been fully convinced. The doctor's hand is there, offering the expert care that Mom and Dad are unable to give yet. I'm still in training. Always,

there is the afghan. My arms are unbearably empty but the blanket gives me comfort. Someone out there loves babies, loves my little boy enough that she made a warm hug to wrap him in when mine was not an option.

I wonder: do the nurses go home and hug their children and grandchildren a little tighter, thankful that their lungs work independently and there's no heart monitor sounding alarms 24 hours a day? Do they take a minute out of their hectic lives to just watch healthy legs run and listen to the laughter of a mind that "gets it"? Maybe they not only deal with sickness at the hospital but go home to a sick child as well. Do they, like me, stroke that child's hair and take extra care to memorize her face... just in case?

Every now and then I pull out the mementos. With each item lifted from the box, another layer of pain is spirited away; another layer of deep thankfulness takes its place. Sometimes tears come unbidden. Sometimes laughter ripples through the shelves of the storage room as I hold the Calgary Stamps hat made from poster board. They were in the playoffs, and since Daddy was from Calgary, the nurses decided to have some fun. Always, there's a smile and a heart-whispered, "Wow!" I am consistently overwhelmed with the level of care that Ryan received then and continues to receive.

He's turning 18 at the end of this month. September is often spent recalling Ryan's slow arrival. I was

in labour for at least a few minutes every day of the month from Labour Day (how appropriate) until the 30th. We were later told that he just didn't have the strength to help with the process. That would also explain the intensity of labour when he finally was born. Every stage of Ryan's life has been met with a mixture of pain and deep joy.

His trach is getting noisy, so he's likely waking up; I'll have to go make sure he's breathing OK. He will be, because he's healthy and we were trained well. Safety checks are just part of our daily routine. He'll turn over and give me the hug that his five-year-old mind says is reserved for Mom. I'll have to crush his seizure meds, give him the Jevity through the g-tube, apply his AFOS and laugh through the whole process. The love that's been poured into him over the years shows; he's the happiest person I know. Surgeries and painful procedures have put a strained look on his face at times but he always returns to the smile that literally hundreds of staff and volunteers across Manitoba and Alberta have helped nurture. He is truly a rich young man.

To everyone who loves the children, thank you! Never doubt that you're changing the world!

Very sincerely,

Tyella Penner

Mom of Ryan Penner

Patient at Manitoba Children's Hospital, Edmonton Children's Hospital and Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary

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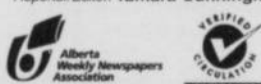
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• DP 87-09	19 Popular Ridge Close	Duplex with attached garage & Basement suite	R5
• DP 88-09	16 Popular Ridge Close	Duplex with attached garage & Basement suite	R5
• DP 89-09	17 Popular Ridge Close	Duplex with attached garage & Basement suite	R5
• DP 90-09	1324 - 21st Ave.	Relocated SFD, add deck & detached garage	R2

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Kim Boyd, Development Officer



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Didsbury Recreation

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Please see schedule below.

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K-Grade 2	Ross Ford Elementary	Wednesdays	4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Grades 3 - 4	Ross Ford Elementary	Wednesdays	4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
Grades 5 - 6	Westglen School	Fridays	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Grades 7 - 8	Westglen School	Wednesdays	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For more information or to register contact the Aquatic Centre Customer Service Desk at 403-335-7369 or email didsburypool@didsbury.ca

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Support for Terry Fox still going strong

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Thirty-seven people turned up for the Terry Fox Run Sunday afternoon to carry on a cause Terry Fox started nearly 30 years ago.

"I think we are all inspired by Terry Fox. He did something unique for his time," said Grant Spence as he finished up the run with his three-year-old grandson, Cameron.

Spence has been running for 29 years, since the run first kicked off in 1981.

He started participating to support Terry Fox and his mission to raise money for cancer research, but when his wife died he began to run for her.

"This is something I have just kept on doing and now that I have done it for so long, I don't want to stop. I don't want to miss even

one," he said.

Pat Crothers was also at the run to raise money for cancer research.

The memory of Terry Fox is one that she holds close to her heart and when she thinks of what made the young man a hero, her throat thickens with tears.

"I was around his age and watched this kid run on one leg. He was just relentless and you could tell it was a struggle for him," she said.

"He never expected his cancer would get to him."

Like Spence, she is not just participating in the memory of Terry Fox, but others who have fallen victim to cancer. Her dad recently died of the disease.

"Everyone is here for a reason. We have all been touched by cancer somehow...this is a motivator for doing the run," said Grant Hemming, coordinator of the event, who himself lost

his son to cancer.

He and his wife, Brenda, were told of their son's diagnosis the same year Terry Fox started his campaign for cancer. They have been involved in the run somehow or another since 1987.

"We really believe in this cause to find a cure," said Brenda Hemming.

The run this year, drew 37 people and raised \$4,595 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The participants were down slightly from last year, when 45 people laced up for the event, but over \$900 more was collected.

"We are happy with the turnout...we are always happy to make money," the Hemmings said.

About 1,000 communities across Canada and 108 in Alberta held Terry Fox runs Sunday. Eighty-seven cents from every dollar raised goes straight to cancer research.



EASY RIDE - Sterling, 5 and Beckett, 3 are pushed along by dad, Mark Aubee during the 29th annual Terry Fox Run, Sunday.

Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Dragons rekindle fire; beat Tigers

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Dragons didn't let a loss against the JC Charyk Hawks in early September cool their fire Saturday.

In a game against the Carstairs Tigers, the Dragons were roaring to go and "much better prepared" than in the game against the Hawks of Hanna two weeks ago, said coach Mark Lefebvre.

"They are in the same boat as us. They have a lot of new rookies and not a lot of veterans. We had some great competition."

The two teams ended the first quarter scoreless. Wide receiver James Lefebvre, raised the level of the game, handing off a reverse and scoring on a 40-yard run.

Running back Colby Freeborn, scrambled for a 20-yard run in the second half for the second touchdown, to secure victory for the Dragons. The Dragons won 22-0.

"It was a much better game than the first one. My rookies were ready to do what it takes to win the game," Lefebvre said.

Two weeks ago, the Dragons met the JC Charyk Hawks in the first game of

the season.

The Hawks dropped down from the 12-man league to nine-man this year and Lefebvre expected with their experience, it was going to be a close game.

He wasn't disappointed. "They were well organized and well coached. It was a good eye-opening experience for everybody," he said.

The Hawks won 44-20.

Late in the game, the Dragons lost one of their

players, Mike Northcott, to an injury.

The Grade 10 student, who played three seasons on a bantam team before signing with the Dragons, was running and planted to cut back and tackle when he "stepped wrong" and took the blow to the knee. He tore his medial collateral ligament (MCL) and anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and will be taking the rest of the season off to recover.

Northcott was "excited

and committed to playing football this year...it's disappointing he got such a serious injury so early in the season," Lefebvre said.

The team is gearing up to meet the Sundre Scorpions on the gridiron September 19. It is expected to be a rough match. The Scorpions have a solid team of talented athletes this year, Lefebvre said. If the Dragons can stop their opponent's running game, they may be able to avoid a second loss.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.
Sunday School will start back in September.

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue
Minister Nancy Nourse
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday.
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

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Pastor Trevor Krieger, info - 337-2020
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Didsbury, Alberta
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8km E on Bergthal Rd.
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Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. - 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & St. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury
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Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
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John Reimer, Associate Pastor (Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor (Global Connections & Youth)
Alison Lefebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
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In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Theatre Didsbury directors Derek Lewis and Rick Phillips, Sr. have decided to suspend the comedy productions for one year. The towns and surrounding communities will certainly miss these lively, entertaining productions and everyone will look forward to a new season a year from now.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

The museum is holding its annual general meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Coffee, conversation and dessert will follow the meeting. Also please note: the museum will be hosting a regular quilting group. If you would like to be a part of this group, please phone Theresa McNeil at (403) 335-8611, or the museum at (403) 335-9295. Another plus: come and join the fun and learn about model trains. Gord Sylvester at (403) 556-3771 or the museum, at (403) 335-9295 have more information for you.

Friday, Sept. 18

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Come and enjoy the cards, coffee and goodies, meet new people and visit.

Saturday, Sept. 19

This will be the day of the second walk at the cemetery, starting at 2 p.m. Come and learn about the history and the stories of our early settlers. A donation to the cemetery committee would be duly appreciated. More details from the museum at (403) 335-9295, or Frankie Kelly at (403) 335-3633.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Bring your lunch at noon to the Didsbury Municipal Library and savour wit and wisdom.

"Using music to tune up your life" with Peter Versluys. Who says stress management can't be fun? In this brief and casual workshop, you will explore and experience some of the ways in which music can contribute to a balanced lifestyle.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Showcase Didsbury is being held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the lower level of the Didsbury Curling Club. Over 60 organizations currently operating within Didsbury will be showcased. Please phone Didsbury Neighborhood Place at (403) 335-8719 to book your complimentary table. A free meal will be provided upstairs.

The Didsbury Lions Club is having its annual food drive for the Mountain View Food Bank. Students from Westglen School will be helping the Lions Club members pick up your donations of non-perishable foods. The drive will start at 5 p.m. If you cannot be home please leave your donations on the front step.

Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26

The Friends of the Didsbury Library are holding a gigantic book sale in Unit 3 of the Didsbury Hospital. Books for all ages. A great time to pick up your winter reading supply.

Monday, Sept. 28

The Didsbury and area support group for friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Phone Dolina at (403) 335-7285 for more details.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

The Community Bus is making a casino trip to Calgary. Phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 to reserve your seat. The bus will leave the Complex at 3:30 p.m.

Businesses warned of counterfeit cash

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Crime and finance officials are warning local businesses to keep a careful watch on cash after an increase of counterfeit dollars at a local bank.

Although there hasn't been a rash of fake bills, ATB Financial has seen an increase.

"We saw four counterfeits in the last three months, which is more than we've seen in two years," said Crystal Sanderson, customer service supervisor for ATB Financial.

She said the bills were poor replicas and easily spotted by tellers when they took in deposits from local businesses.

"One had the holographic strip taken off a five-dollar bill and glued to a fake 50; it wasn't very good," she said.

What concerns the bank is that local businesses

are taking the loss for the shoddy bills. The police seize any fake paper the bank discovers without compensation to those handing over the money.

To give people better tools to guard against counterfeits, the bank called in experts from the Calgary Commercial Crime and Bank of Canada to do a seminar on September 3.

Sgt. Conal Archer, the northwest region counterfeit coordinator, said fraudsters often prey upon small towns because retailers are not as aware of counterfeit bills as in larger cities.

"They can be easy targets," he said.

The local detachment usually sees half a dozen a year and said people likely feel they can get away with it on their way through town.

"Quite often you see 100 dollar American bills and because stores are unfa-

miliar with it, they accept it without taking a good look. That's how the bills slip through the system," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

According to the Bank of Canada, \$14 million worth of worthless pieces of paper are circulating in the economy. In 2008 counterfeiting was a \$6 million problem and this year the Bank of Canada is noticing the issue begin to mushroom.

It's up to businesses to prevent bills from entering the system, said Michelle Witkowski, senior analyst with the Bank of Canada.

"These people (committing fraud) may not necessarily be doing a good job and they are hoping retailers don't notice...and they don't always, which is why we have all this money going into the economy," Witkowski said.

When fake bills are usually handed off at night in

gas stations, bars and restaurants. High dollar bills are offered up for small priced items, so the person can get real cash back.

And the exchange always comes with a story.

"One man was giving retailers fake bills that looked like ones from the 1970s. He told tellers he runs an antique shop that has fallen on hard times because of the recession and that is why he was using up these old bills. They bought it," said Archer.

"They always try to distract the retailer."

He said retailers should not only take a close look at security features, but watch for people buying low-priced items with high bills and who tell stories when they hand over cash.

"This is all about following your instinct," he said.

Keeping an eye out for fake cash



1. Look at the holographic stripe running down the side of the bill to

make sure the colour shifts. Also watch for holographic stripes that

may have been cut off a lower denomination and placed on a higher one.

2. Hold the bill to the light and you should see a ghost image or watermark.


3. There should be dashes running down the opposite side of the holographic strip that shift colour when moved.

4. The see-through puzzle

number is one that counterfeit artists don't always get right. Tilt it to the light and the lines should align perfectly to create a number.

5. The large number on the bill has raised ink you should feel when you run your fingers over it.

6. Under UV light the words, Bank of Canada - Banque du Canada, should glow in red and yellow.



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Didsbury Fun League Hockey Registration


On behalf of Didsbury Fun Hockey and parents I would like to say Thank You to all our coaches, on ice parent volunteers and team Mom's for the 2008-09 season. It was a very busy year with an increase of 32 players; they managed to handle the large teams during practice and the crowded benches during games. We will be making a few changes this year to accommodate our five age levels 4-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 as of Dec. 31, 2009. We will make two teams per level if necessary and they will share regular Saturday practices. Games will be in Sundre, Olds, Sylvan Lake, Drumheller, Three Hills and Big Valley Fun League teams. The number of games each team plays will be decided by the coaches/parents for each team. This is a Fun League Hockey program that has a no checking or rough play policy. This year every player 8-18 years old will have to read and sign a FAIR PLAY CODE before being allowed on the ice. Every player requires full hockey equipment and Didsbury Fun Team will supply a hockey jersey.

Registration will be on Sept. 24 at the Didsbury curling Rink from 6-8pm, we are apart of Showcase Didsbury. This year we will have two tables to handle the new and returning players. The ice fees will stay the same \$110 for 8 - 18 yrs and \$50 per player 4-7 yrs. There is also an insurance fee of \$10 per player or plus a one time fee of \$25 per player for new players.

If you are interested in playing please give me a call at 335-9354 after 6 P.M.

Darcy Timmins, President

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CRIME WATCH

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Family fight

A father and son launched into a fight at the Dominion Hotel in Carstairs, early morning on Sept. 3.

The father was hit with a glass and needed stitches. Police continue to investigate the assault.

Drunk driving disheartening

Police felt discouraged over the long weekend as the public continues to drink and drive. Three impaired drivers were arrested and charged and one was given a 24-hour suspension.

"It was not unexpected to see over the long weekend but it's discouraging that the message about drinking and driving as a problem isn't getting out there," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Thief targets carwash

A thief broke into the Carstairs Carwash overnight, Sept. 9 and tried to cut the locks on a vacuum cleaner. Nothing was stolen.

Police catch vandal

Police caught a 14-year-old

breaking into the Cremona school last week.

They believe it's the same person who busted into the school two weeks ago, hours before school started. Posters had been torn off bulletin boards and strewn about the rooms and a VCR and microwave were dumped and damaged in the gym. The alarms had caused

the suspect to flee before any extensive damage could be done. Police warned then that when caught the suspect or suspects could be charged with mischief and break and enter.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said they haven't laid any charges against the teenager yet but are exploring options with the school.

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Richards ready for election

BY MARK LAYCOCK
Courier Staff

Wild Rose MP Blake Richards says he's ready to hit the campaign trail if a fall election is triggered.

Richards' comments follow an announcement by Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff that the party can no longer support the Harper government.

The Liberals have an opportunity to force an election as soon as Parliament resumes on Sept. 28 by introducing a non-confidence motion after the government releases its third economic accountability report. The Liberals would require the Bloc Quebecois and NDP to support the motion.

Should an election be called, Canadians could be back to the polls as early as Nov. 9.

Richards says Canadians simply don't want an election and that forcing one now could be detrimental to Canada's economic recovery.

"If we were to see an election today, not only would there be a needless expense of

about \$300 million, but it would jeopardize the economic recovery that we were seeing positive signs of and it's the last thing we need right now. I think that's been made really clear," says Richards.

"Certainly we've put a lot of things in place as far as stimulus for the economy and it appears as though that's starting to work, but we need to finish the job on that."

He adds that the Liberals haven't provided a reason to force an election "other than simply they would like to be in power and to me that's a pretty selfish reason right now when the country needs to be focused on the economy."

After only a year as an MP, he says the threat of an election has become an all too familiar story.

"I suppose that in a minority parliament that's to be expected to some degree," says Richards. "Having said that, if there's something that they legitimately oppose, that's fair enough I suppose... but in this instance I haven't heard any rationale or reason behind it rather than simply they feel it's time for them to become the government

"If the opposition parties and primarily the Liberals choose to force this election, at this time I believe that Canadians will make them pay for it."

BLAKE RICHARDS
Wild Rose MP



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

BUCKS FOR BUILDING - A.G. manager, Greg Poirier handed Stacey Lodemeier \$1,600 for the new pre-school, scheduled to open September 21. The money will go towards building and equipment costs.

rather than the Conservatives."

If Canadians are required to head to the polls, Richards says he's ready to hit the campaign trail at a moment's notice.

"In minority parliaments you have to be prepared for these things at all times... I certainly don't want it to happen, but if it does happen then of course I need to be ready."

Political analysts have speculated that the election could backfire on the Liberals and simply increase Conservative seats in the house. Richards says he prefers not to look at the situation like that, but warns that the Liberals could receive backlash as a result.

"If the opposition parties and primarily the Liberals choose to force this election, at this time I believe that Canadians will make them pay for it."

Richards says this whole situation could have been averted if opposition parties simply approached the government and offered to work together, but thus far such an offer hasn't been made.

"If their motivations are pure and we can work together with parties to try and do something good for the country then that's what should happen, but don't do it for your own selfish reason."

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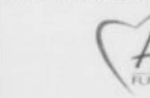
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Violet Lillian Sayer went to
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of 81 years. Lillian was born
January 2, 1928 on a farm
west of Carstairs to John (Jack)

Robert and Violet Katherine (nee
Shonk) Maskell. Her mother passed away when
she was 6 and she was raised by her father and his
sister, Alice Jefferies. Lillian attended Jackson
School and on March 14, 1948 married Richard
Henry Sayer. They made their home on a farm,
just east of Richard's parents home place. Over
the years they established a very productive dairy
operation and Lillian raised turkeys, chickens and
grew a garden. She was a faithful member of
the West Zion Mennonite Church. She was active
in their sewing circle and the Mennonite Central
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teering and quilting. When Richard and Lillian
semi-retired, they spent 13 beautiful years winter-
ing in Arizona enjoying the warm sun and making
wonderful friends. Lillian leaves to mourn her
daughter Linda (Ken) Johnson of Olds; son
Robert (Lois) Sayer of Carstairs; grandchildren
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Jane Good of Toftield and Alberta Cressman of
Kelowna as well as many other relatives and
friends. She was predeceased by her loving hus-
band Richard; her parents Jack & Violet Maskell;
sister Alice Chapman; mother and father-in-law
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law Jim Sayer, Leonard Cressman, Clare Good
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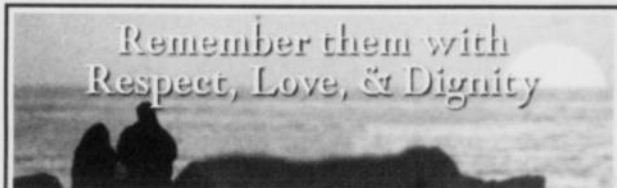
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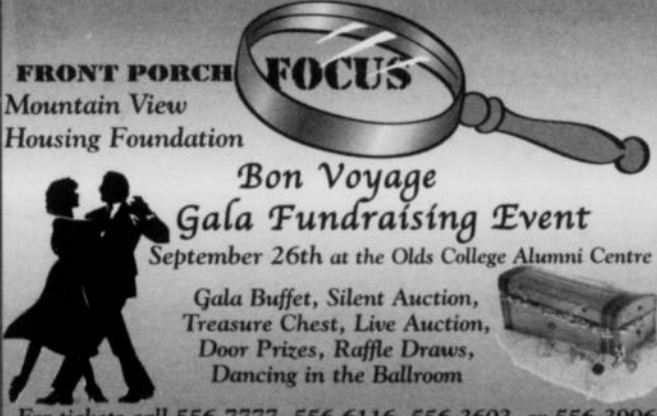
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